

HARNESS FLOODS

Drainage Congress Discusses How to Do It. Experts From Many City Commissions Present.

MAKE RICH FARMS OF SWAMP

Reclamation of Boggy Lands Interesting Subject.

Governor Dunne of Illinois Welcomes Many Delegates.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—The National Drainage Congress, advocating national legislation for flood protection and reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands, began a three-day convention at Cairo this afternoon. This is the sixth annual meeting of the congress since its organization in Chicago in December, 1911.

The president of the congress, E. J. Watson of Columbia, S. C., state commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, will be unable to attend, and the meeting will be presided over by the first vice president, Frank B. Knight of Chicago. Edmund T. Perkins of Chicago, formerly of the United States reclamation service, is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Miss Problems Explained.

The meeting this afternoon will be addressed by Governor Dunne of Illinois. Thomas H. Farmer of Martin, Tenn., will then discuss "How Can the Mississippi River Be Improved to Secure the Best Facilities for Commerce and Drainage?" Tonight there will be a smoker, presided by two illustrious addresses, one on the work of the Pittsburg flood commission by E. K. Morse, engineer of that commission, and one on the "Mississippi River and Its Control" by J. K. Melton of Chicago, photographer for the Illinois Central railroad.

Thursday will be the big day of the meeting. What is expected to be the keynote of the congress will be sounded by E. H. Newell, formerly director of the United States reclamation service and now head of the civil engineering department of the University of Illinois, in his address on "Federal Reclamation."

Mo. River for Boat Lane.

"The Relation of Drainage and Flood Control" will be the subject of an address by Arthur L. Webster, municipal engineer of Wheaton, Ill. Edward F. Bohm of Cleveland, member of the Ohio state senate, will discuss the Ohio conservancy act and state legislation. "The Legislative Aspects of Drainage" will be the subject of an address by H. H. McCarty, state senator of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, professor of agricultural engineering of the University of Minnesota, will deliver an address on "Farm Drainage." Mr. J. H. Stewart, chief of the division of drainage investigation of the federal department of agriculture, will discuss the work of the federal department of agriculture, and Mr. J. H. Stewart, chief of the division of drainage investigation of the federal department of agriculture, will discuss the work of the federal department of agriculture.

Flood Protection.

At the afternoon session S. M. Woodward, consulting engineer of the Dayton flood commission, and W. K. Hatt, professor of civil engineering at Washington university, St. Louis, will speak of the relation of flood drainage to the improvement of rivers for navigation. R. B. Oliver, Jr., of Cape Girardeau, Mo., attorney for the Little River drainage project, will tell how to meet the organization expenses of a drainage district. Thursday evening the illustrated lectures will be repeated.

Nearly all of the session Friday morning will be devoted to the business affairs of the congress and following adjournment at noon the delegates will be taken on an excursion aboard the several drainage districts along the Mississippi and Ohio river near Cairo.

FIVE VICTIMS DEAD

Secretary of Navy Demands Further Probe—Blame Edison Battery.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The findings of the naval board of inquiry, which made a preliminary investigation to determine the cause of the explosion aboard the submarine E-2 at the New York navy yard Saturday, are regarded by Secretary Daniels as inconclusive and he will await the report of the naval court of inquiry now making an investigation.

The board held that the explosion was due to gas generated by the new Edison storage battery and ignited by a spark of unknown origin. Five men were killed and nine others seriously injured in the disaster.

The question of the future use of the Edison batteries on submarines may depend upon the outcome of the report of the court of inquiry, as Secretary Daniels hopes to determine from it whether the battery itself was responsible for the explosion.

Mayors in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 19.—Five hundred and eighty-one mayors of southern cities have been invited and more than half of them are expected to come here today to discuss the perplexing municipal problem of the traveling pauper, thousands of whom talk city administrations out of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of transportation every year.

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salary. As everyone knows I invited Chief Parsons to accept an elevation of the law in order to raise his salary. I still believe that the end to be attained by this move would have been justified by the means but the question of precedent had to be considered."

Chief Parsons did not fix a date for his resignation and will take that matter up with the mayor later. What he wants now is an opportunity to get playing through the days and on a job without losing the time.

I have spent too much time on this job, said Parsons, to completely anything better. I have given my entire attention to police work. My head is full of it to the exclusion of ideas that might benefit me outside of police work."

City officials are still searching the city for some means of allowing an increase to Chief Parsons but unless some plan is devised that will meet with approval Mayor House will accept the resignation and Parsons will step out.

"I haven't a single solitary man in mind to succeed him," said Parsons, "I don't know who to look for a man who can fill his place. Parsons is the one man who seemed to be to be perfectly fitted for the job."

U. S. OWN PLANTS

(Continued from page one.)

to live for their country and, if necessary, to die for it; but I, for one, am not willing that Americans should be armed munition makers or by the brokers, bankers or backers who share the blood-money profits."

In this critical moment, what is the attitude of the makers of arms and munitions?

Without discussing the preparedness of the nation, so far as I know, they are insisting upon the most comprehensive program which it is possible to conceive and they are emphasizing the need for munition makers and the open dove-cote of William of Nebraska, there must be a great nation which is prepared to lead the world to peace, but will not submit to injustice and indignity.

Emphasizing the effect of the European war on private munition makers in the United States he told the senate that since the beginning of the war 14 new corporations organized in this country for the manufacture of munitions and the value of arms and munitions produced in five months had aggregated \$161,954,278.

The speaker submitted a table showing the following estimate of the value of the contracts of some of the larger corporations:

American Car and Foundry, \$35,000,000.

American Locomotive, \$66,000,000.

American Steel Foundries, \$15,000,000.

Baldwin Locomotive Works, \$100,000,000.

Bethlehem Steel company—11,000,000.

Colorado Fuel and Iron company, \$10,000,000.

Crucible Steel of America, \$10,000,000.

General Electric, \$68,000,000.

New York Airbrake, \$20,204,000.

Westinghouse Airbrake, \$20,000,000.

Westinghouse Manufacturing company, \$100,000,000.

"This does not include," the senator continued, "the contracts of the Electric Storage battery company, the General Chemical company, or the General Motors company or of the other companies which are active in the production of munitions."

The senator read from another table to show unparalleled increase during the war in the market value of stocks, bonds and other securities, in which stock values had increased in the aggregate \$432,056,500.

Canal Open in Month.

New York, Jan. 19.—The Panama canal will be opened to the largest ships of February 15, according to Colonel E. F. Glenn, U. S. A., who arrived here today from Colon. The channel is now twenty feet deep at points where the slides occurred.

Quash New Haven Indictments.

New York, Jan. 19.—The indictment against G. F. Baker, T. DeWitt Cuyler, Theo. N. Vall, Frank T. Max, and others, charged with a criminal conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law, were quashed today by Federal Judge Han-

Manchu Dynasty Riots Again.

Muen, Manchuria, Jan. 19.—Restoration of the Manchurian empire, which ruled China before the establishment of the republic, has been proclaimed by the leaders of an uprising in eastern Mongolia. The brigade of Chinese troops is marching on Hui-Hachen to attack the Mongolians.

Boston Wants "Woody" Again.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Papers for the renomination of President Wilson are to be taken out in this state and his name is being backed by a large number of voters. Chairman O'Leary of the democratic state committee announced today.

Two Killed by Gas.

Arkansas City, Jan. 19.—W. S. Squires and Arch Cronk, both employees of the company, were killed by escaping gas while working at a gas delivery station near here Tuesday night.

Big Illinois Corn Loss.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 19.—Eighty per cent of this year's northern Illinois corn crop is estimated to be lost. The loss is due to early frosts and heavy late rains which retarded the ripening of the grain.

Ice skates at Forbes.—Adv.

FOR MINERS' HOME

U. M. W. Will Act on More Than 100 Resolutions.

Old Age Pensions Urged—Many Are Anti-Preparedness.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—Among the many resolutions the delegates to the United Mine Workers' international convention expect to act upon today is one favoring an old age pension law somewhat similar to the one in England.

The committee on resolutions has placed on the agenda a declaration of a resolution to that effect. Among other resolutions the committee will recommend for adoption by the convention is one looking toward the building of a home for miners.

Another resolution provides for the creation by the union of its own building and printing plant.

The committee has nearly one hundred resolutions before it for action, more than two dozen of which are against preparedness. The question of presenting one resolution to the convention is in the hands of a subcommittee which is expected to make a report in a day or two.

The scale committee will be named today by President White and it will immediately set to work to fix a basic price for the miners in the various soft coal fields. The committee with operators where agreements expire this year.

President Van B